

## PROPOSED NEW ENTERPRISE.

## Probable Establishment of a Steel Plant in Richmond.

## THE ADAMS DIRECT PROCESS USED.

## Interesting Interview With Major E. S. Hutter, of Lynchburg—His Plans and Purposes Explained in Detail.

Major Edward S. Hutter, of Lynchburg, was at the Exchange yesterday, where he was met by a representative of THE TIMES, and in a course of conversation with him it was developed that his visit here for the purpose of establishing a steel plant in this city. This being a matter of unusual interest, the Major was at once recognized as a first-class subject for an interview, and the following conversation ensued:

"What are your plans about this plant?" "A party of us have bought the right for North Carolina and Virginia of the Adams direct steel-making process, and we wish to establish a plant of it in this city, as we think this the most favorable location for such an enterprise in the State."

"Why did you select Richmond?" "Partly as a matter of business. Only two of the stockholders in our company are personally interested in Richmond, and we did not select it because we cared to build up this city particularly, but because there is already a market here for all the steel we can make by our process, and because we can get raw materials from pig iron metal. It is now being tested at the Columbia works at Johnston, Pa., and at some steel works near Pittsburgh. These works use the Lake ores, but we are satisfied that excellent steel can be made direct from Virginia ores, and these we propose to use. If the plant is established here it will be entirely a home industry."

"What steps do you propose to take first?" "We do not want any one to take our word for it, and only propose to start operations after success has been practically demonstrated. You must know the difference between the tall stick and the corn, and we do not wish anything to be taken on hearsay. We will first ship our Virginia ores to the steel works already mentioned, which are using the Adams direct process. When these have been converted into steel, we propose to invite a Chamber of Commerce to send a committee of competent men to Pennsylvania to see the process, and report on the result of the experiments. After they have seen for themselves and reported to the Chamber, we propose to move actively towards the establishment of the plant, which will, we estimate, cost about \$750,000."

"You are, then, confident of success?" "Absolutely. The celebrated German metallurgist, Onellus, when he heard that it was claimed for the process that it could convert the iron ores directly into steel, without their first having to be turned into pig metal, wrote a paper proving scientifically that it could not be done. Before reading this paper, however, he was taken to some works where the direct process was being used, and saw with his own eyes that the steel made from the iron ore immediately wrote to the society before which the paper was to be read, saying that while he had theory on his side he could not deny his senses, and that therefore he would not read his article. So you see, that success is absolutely certain, but as I have said we do not want anything to be taken on hearsay. We will show the process and show the results of the tests with our ores before we ask anyone to take any interest in our enterprise."

This ended the conversation and wishing the Major good luck in his enterprise, he left to go to his valuable and important Richmond property. The Times man withdrew for the purpose of giving the public all the information he had been able to extract from the interview.

## THE EIGHTH-STREET TUNNEL.

## A Conference With the Mayor—The President of the Road Will be Here.

A conference took place at the Mayor's office yesterday between that official and Major J. H. Capers, chairman of the Committee on Streets and Mr. Preston Cooke, who is acting City Attorney in the absence of Mr. W. H. Meredith, who is enjoining at Coburn Island on a leave of absence. The conference was on the dangerous condition of north Eighth street. Mr. Cooke will represent the legal adviser of the city at the meeting of the joint committees on finance and streets at 6 P. M. next Monday.

Major Capers yesterday received a telegram from Mr. N. C. Reid, of New York, asking that he might be heard before the committees as the president of the Richmond and Chesapeake Railroad Company, who are constructing the tunnel under Eighth street.

Major Capers replied that he could be heard, and that it was the utmost importance for him to be present, as the joint committees would take action on the Eighth-street tunnel. Later in the day Major Capers received a second telegram from Mr. Reid, stating that he would certainly be here at the time indicated.

## DANGEROUS IMPORT.

## One Family Have Moved and Others Are Debating the Subject.

Yesterday afternoon the air of silence that precedes a storm pervaded the vicinity of the Eighth-street tunnel. Parents stood at door and gateways, as if constantly expecting the crash of timber and the sound of caving earth. A little crowd of idlers, attracted thither by the accounts of the caving tunnel, stood at the end of the street, leaning over the railing that overlooks the northern end of the opening.

The occupants of No. 635 north Eighth had, by the advice of Captain Gutzkow, vacated their residence, while Mr. John Roseau's family, who had also been advised that their place was in danger, were still considering the question whether or not to leave their home.

In the front of both houses are large openings in the earth and brick work.

## HIT WITH A BRICK.

## The Fourteen-Year-Old Son of Mr. Gilbert J. Hunt Assaulted.

On Thursday evening, as the fourteen-year-old son of Mr. Gilbert J. Hunt, who had acted as an escort to a lady visitor at his father's house was returning to his home, he was struck in the forehead with a brick thrown from out the darkness and by some one unknown as yet to the police.

The boy was near the corner of Belvidere and Grace streets and did not see any one, nor does he now recall the exact spot upon which he fell. It is estimated that he was unconscious for about an hour.

The wound is severe, but the attending physician last evening did not consider it necessarily fatal.

## The Ambulance.

The city ambulance was called at 9 o'clock yesterday to the Standard Smoke Works in Manchester, to one of the white workers in leg of heated iron had been thrust into his leg making a severe and painful wound. Dr. Matthews, of Manchester, rendered him speedy assistance, and he was removed to his home in this city where Dr. Levy is now attending him.

The second call was made at 7:45 P. M. to the first police station on an intoxicated man who had been run over by a wagon and severely bruised. His wounds were dressed.

## Died in Oxford.

Lewis G. Smith, the mayor of Oxford, N. C., died at that city on Thursday night. The deceased was a brother of Mr. M. T. Smith, a prominent member of the Richmond tobacco trade, who left yesterday morning to attend the funeral services.

Mr. Smith was a young man and leaves a family. He was extremely popular both in the business and social circles of Oxford, and was highly esteemed by a number of friends in this city.

## GENERAL COOKE'S BRAVERY.

## An Interesting Incident in the Life of the Lamented General.

Captain W. C. Marshall, the principal of the Cleveland High school at Markham, Fauquier county, Va., recently related the following incident of the war, which goes to show the characteristic bravery and coolness in battle of the lamented General John R. Cooke.

On the last retreat of our army from Petersburg, when the enemy was pressing us in overwhelming numbers, I was left with two sections of the battery of Fauquier Artillery to make a show of resistance and keep back the advancing forces as far as possible on that road. At last, when the infantry whose retreat we were protecting had considerably distanced our battery, and we found ourselves alone in the face of the enemy, we limbered our guns and beat a hasty retreat, their columns rapidly advancing at an inconveniently short distance in our rear.

On reaching a defile on the Weldon railroad twelve or fifteen miles below Petersburg we overtook Cooke's brigade, the last of our retreating infantry marching at their best, but of course no match for my men who were mounted on caissons and horses in their hurried flight.

As we approached General Cooke rode up saying "Captain Marshall, I will lose my whole command unless we check this advance," and ordered us into battery on the spot.

The situation was desperate, my command numbered about fifty men and three or four guns, the force almost upon us, was overwhelming, but in a flash every gun was in position and every man doing his best work.

General Cooke, after ordering his brigade to continue their retreat, coolly advanced to the front and took his stand, determined to save his men; he himself sought the post of danger to which he was obliged to expose us, and stood conspicuous on this most unfavorable spot, directing the firing with his usual firm composed manner, and encouraging the men by his cheering. Then he had never seen better firing during the war.

The men well knew they were on serious duty and sent shells with such deadly effect that they played great furrows in the ranks we faced, bringing the advance to a sudden halt. The enemy, not knowing the meaning of this unexpected resistance, or the strength of our force, now drew up in line of battle, which charge delayed them from half an hour to an hour, our guns meanwhile giving them the best they had, and the general at my side till the last shot was fired as cool and calm as if no danger was before us.

When at last the others had taken position and a charge was ordered, he turned to me as they were rushing upon us, and said to me quietly: "Captain, I hope we have saved my brigade. Now we will save ourselves. Limber to the rear." Which most acceptable order was obeyed in double-quick time, while he wheeled his horse and called off battery and general soon leaving at a safe distance the body of troops lately so near.

## WITH MASONIC HONORS.

## The Funeral of Mr. Hiram Oliver Took Place Yesterday.

The ceremony at the funeral of Mr. Hiram Oliver, which took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from Leigh-street Baptist Church, was unusually impressive.

Henry Union Lodge, No. 130, A. F. and A. M., of which he was for many years an active member, presided at the funeral and acted as a body to Mr. Oliver's residence, corner Marshall and Twenty-fifth streets, where they were joined by many citizens, who had come to pay their last duty of respect to an old and honored man and devoted Christian.

The services of the church were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, who was assisted by Drs. Cooper and Pitt, of the First and Venable-street Baptist churches, and Rev. George Ray, of Union Station Methodist church, who was for many years Mr. Oliver's pastor. Appropriate and touching remarks on the many virtues of the deceased were made by each of the ministers, and several selected hymns, by request of the deceased, were sung by the choir.

Captain Frank Cunningham sang "The Home of the Soul."

A notable feature of the occasion was the large number of colored people who, at different times and almost to the time of his death, were daily under his charge at the factory, over which he had so long exercised control, and all of whom seemed deeply to feel the loss of one to whom they had all times felt ready to turn for advice and assistance.

In the death of Mr. Oliver Richmond loses a citizen who has ever been identified with its progress, and who has aided in no small degree in its moral and material advancement.

Mr. Oliver leaves a loving wife to mourn his loss.

## CEMETERY HOT-HOUSES.

## The Committee on St. John's Burying Ground Will Save Expenses.

The Committee on St. John's Burying Ground of the City Council held a meeting yesterday afternoon at the burying ground to select a place for the erection of a hot-house, and discuss the details of the plan. Heretofore the committee have been compelled to appropriate about \$30 every spring for the purchase of flowers with which to beautify the ground.

It has been deemed advisable to the members of the Committee to construct hot-house, where flowers could be kept during the winter, in order that the annual appropriation for flowers might be saved or at least materially reduced.

Some time ago the sum of \$1,500 was set aside for the lowering of the front wall of the burying ground between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, and for the enlarging and improving of the entrance. This work received and the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder at a cost of about \$1,200. The contract also provided that the contractor could make use of the old materials with the exception of 500 bricks, which were to be turned over to the city.

At the last meeting of the Common Council a resolution was introduced by Mr. Mann, chairman of the committee, authorizing the latter to expend the balance left over from the appropriation of \$1,500 for the erection of the hot-houses. It was stated at the same time that the 500 bricks turned over by the contractor would be used to build the house. The resolution was adopted.

The whole matter was discussed in an informal manner yesterday, and it was decided to erect the buildings, provided that the Board of Aldermen concur in the resolution, and that the same meets with the approval by Mayor Ellison.

## THE F. M. C. A.

## Meetings Which Will be Held at the Association Tomorrow.

The meeting for boys will be held in the parlor of the Young Men's Christian Association at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Mr. W. W. Smith will conduct the meeting.

A meeting for the meeting for young men will take place in the library and reading-room, and the Rev. Dr. W. W. Landrum, of the Second Baptist church, will be the leader. Mr. Haddon S. Watkins will sing a solo. Mr. S. H. Mowry will direct the singing of a large chorus of trained singers, while Mr. W. L. Willis will preside over the organ, and Mr. Shepherd Webb will play the piano.

In the absence of Secretary Candlish, who is spending his vacation at the encampment at Hampton, Assistant Secretary James S. Atkinson will take charge of the Bible class at 5 o'clock at the close of which tea will be served in the director's room.

## Mrs. Knowles' Burial.

The funeral of Mrs. Cammie Cary Knowles, widow of the late Louis P. Knowles, took place yesterday afternoon at Vencola, Fla.

The remains were buried beside those of her husband, who died only three months ago. It was thought the body would not have been there for interment, but her request had been that she should rest beside her husband in the quiet shades of Southern Cemetery, and her wishes were respected.

The deceased was a daughter of Colonel John B. Cary and had spent many years of her life in a large circle of friends and admirers learned with great regret of her death. There were no children in the family.

## Sunday School Association.

The quarterly meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Association of Richmond and Manchester will be held to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the West-Village Church. An address will be delivered by B. V. W. Landrum.

## THEIR TRIP TO LEXINGTON.

## Lee Camp Discussed the Arrangements Last Evening.

## THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE AT 10 P. M.

## All Who Go From Richmond Will Wear Badges—Many Veterans Will Go From Baltimore and Washington.

The regular meeting of Lee Camp was held last evening with Colonel Archer in the chair. Captain Stratton presided.

After the transaction of some routine business the following communication was presented by Colonel Archer, which had been received by him from Mr. A. D. Ledour:

"After the war a Bible was given to my uncle by a lieutenant of the Northern army. The Bible has been in my uncle's library ever since. On the front page is written by the finder: 'This book was taken from the wagon train of General Ewell's corps after they were captured at the battle of Sailor's Creek, Va., April 6, 1863.' On the opposite page the name appears, 'Robert Davidson, December 24, 1863.' In the back is written again the name, 'January 1, 1865,' and then again in pencil 'Palmetto Sharpshooters, Bratton's Brig., Field's Division, Longstreet's Corps, Army of Va.'"

It was stated that the organization on question was still in existence at Aiken, S. C. Colonel Archer will communicate with the present commander of that organization.

## SONS OF VETERANS PICNIC.

A communication was received from the sons of veterans, asking the members of Lee Camp to dispose of twenty-five tickets enclosed for a picnic to be held at Blandon Springs, Pa., the traveling day of the Jackson Monument at Lexington on July 21st. The rates offered to the Lee Camp are \$2 per day and 75 cents for the transportation to the hotel and return.

The following new members were elected: Samuel H. Fulham, Larkin M. Gill, Charles P. Young, Colonel William H. Palmer, John W. Timberly, Major R. O. Petrus. Comrade Brown stated that the trip to Lexington would be a grand success. He thought that the camp would carry about three hundred guests to the picnic, which was equally important to the members of the camp.

Even if the train did not start until 3 P. M. it would be better than to wait until night, for the reason that better time could be made before the great mass of excursionists would start on their trip to Lexington.

Comrade Redford moved to have the train leave at 10 P. M. because a great many members of the camp as well as the Richmond Light Infantry Blues could not leave in the morning.

Comrade Crump spoke of the enthusiasm among ex-Confederates at Washington, Baltimore, and stated that at least 200 ex-Confederates would go from Washington and that the Marine band would be with them.

It was finally decided to leave here at 10 o'clock at night.

## STONED WALL JACOBSON.

Comrade Chambers, of Baltimore, who was a visitor at the meeting, was called upon and made a short speech. He stated that the monument at Lexington was equally important to Baltimore people as that of Lee to Richmond. They expected to carry about one thousand members. General A. G. Stuart would be chief-marshal, and they would leave Baltimore at 7 A. M. on Monday and expected to be gone Tuesday. They would take the Southern Railway with their baggage, and thirty-six pieces. He was in business engaged at present in East Richmond, and had a number of old veterans with him who would like to go from here instead of Baltimore if they could go at the same rate as members of Lee Camp.

Comrade Archer stated that the Camp would gladly receive the comrades from Maryland and treat them as their own.

A motion to that effect was carried, with the understanding that the badge be sold to those members who wanted them for their accompanying friends.

A substitute was by Comrade Redford, to lay the matter on the table was lost.

## Ella King Gordon.

Mrs. Ella King Gordon, wife of Mr. G. H. Gordon, and daughter of the late J. J. King, a lingering illness at her home on Twenty-fifth street near Leigh. The husband and two children survive her.

The deceased was a most estimable woman, a lovely Christian character, and devoted to her family circle. Her death will prove a sore loss to her husband and a large number of friends in this city.

The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 P. M. from Clay-street Baptist church, and the interment will be at Hollywood.

## The Elba Club.

The Elba Democratic Club held its regular bi-monthly meeting at 8 o'clock. President Davis in the chair. Under the head of election of new members about a dozen names were proposed, and President Davis in expressing his gratification at the ever-growing prosperity of the club, took occasion to pay a tribute to THE TIMES for its excellent reports of the club's meetings, which have done much to develop the activity of the Democrats at Norfolk and to arouse interest in the affairs of the club.

The next meeting of the club will be held Friday, the 26th.

## The Old Market Church.

The congregation of the Old Market Presbyterian church, Rev. L. B. Turnbull, pastor, are taking steps to build a church on their lot, corner of Ninth and Nineteenth streets. They hope to raise about \$10,000 for that purpose. It is in contemplation to have in the new church, in addition to an auditorium, a reading-room, a kitchen and reception-room, and a bedroom or two for the accommodation of the sick.

On the Ariel.

The steamer Ariel will leave here to-night at 10 o'clock for an excursion to Newport News and Norfolk. The excursionists reach Norfolk at 7 o'clock to-morrow morning and will leave there at 4 o'clock, reaching this city at midnight. This is a pleasant opportunity for a moonlight ride on the James river, and the fare having been named at \$1, places the trip within the reach of all.

## Now a Lawyer.

Mr. George T. West, formerly with A. A. Allen, and city, and an excellent student of the law, having successfully passed an examination before Judges Welford and Grimsley, was admitted to the bar Wednesday.

Mr. West has been pursuing his law studies at the University under Professors Macon and Gilmore. He will probably go to Fort Worth, Texas, to practice his profession.

At a stated meeting of Dove Lodge, No. 51, A. F. and A. M., at St. Albans Hall last evening, the sublime degree of Master Mason and the Fellowship's degree were conferred upon two candidates.

## TO NEWPORT NEWS.

## The Catholic Societies Made Final Arrangements Last Evening.

Quite a number of delegates from the various Catholic societies in this city met last evening in the rooms of the McGill Catholic Union. Mr. John M. Higgins was elected chairman and Mr. Thomas Cox secretary.

There were fifty-three delegates present from twelve different societies, and the meeting had been the most successful and harmonious for a good representation of the Catholics of this city at Newport News on Sunday, July 19th, when the new Catholic church in that city will be dedicated.

On motion of Mr. Higgins Mr. Fritz Sitterding, by acclamation, was elected marshal to take charge of the parade of the societies. The line will be formed at Newport News junction and march from there to the church. The members of the various societies were requested to be at the Chesapeake and Ohio depot on time, as the train would leave promptly at 10 o'clock in the morning. Tickets can be had from any member of the societies.

The following committees of the several societies will make the necessary arrangements for the trip:

St. Benedict's Society.—Charles Hultzback, Lewis Reilbacher, August Fischer, Peter Eckert.

St. Mary's Beneficial and Social Union.—Joseph B. Winter, George W. Hilley, John Steinbrecker, R. Schutte.

St. Joseph's Beneficial Society.—G. Ross, A. Hartken, F. Sitterding, W. Felthaus, Joseph W. Hilley.

McGill Catholic Union.—W. F. Reddy, W. J. Quigley, Joseph McDonald, Norman Dart, A. J. Shavano, J. P. Melvin, Thomas Cox, A. V. Shea, D. J. Coleman.

West-End Catholic Beneficial Society.—E. Leonard, F. J. Farnor, Thomas Dolan, J. H. Neagle, James J. Creamer.

St. Patrick's Beneficial and Social Society.—A. L. Masurier, P. J. McKinley, T. J. Sheehy, M. J. Beck, P. T. Murphy.

St. Patrick's Con. St. Vincent's De Paul.—H. St. John, F. J. Farnor, Owen O'Neil, Ancient Order Hibernians.—J. J. Day, Patrick Keegan, John T. Neagle, Thomas Clark, John McKinley, M. Ferriter, J. K. Molloy.

Catholic Knights America, Branch 162.—John Smith, P. Keenan, C. W. Riordan, B. Carney.

Catholic Knights America, Branch 143.—F. M. Catagni, D. J. Coleman, John A. Ahern.

Catholic Beneficial Society.—F. J. Riley, James Hayes, M. Johnson, William Rankin, Thomas Hyne, John M. Higgins.

Personal and General.

Mrs. Knipe and her daughter have returned from Old Point.

Justice W. C. Bailey is out after several weeks' sickness.

Rev. Jabez Hall, of this city, is absent in Cleveland, O.

Colonel H. P. Jones returned from Huntsville, Ala., yesterday.

Rev. E. A. Cole and family will leave next week for a visit to Indiana.

Mrs. Brown and daughter, of Greenville, S. C., are in the city visiting relatives.

Mr. Decatur Atwell has returned from a trip over the new lines of the Chesapeake and Ohio.

Mr. John O. Lovelle will, in a few days, leave for Mountain Top.

Mr. F. M. Bonadies, of Ronoke, is visiting his family at No. 2009 Venable street.

Miss Jennie Hill, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting Miss Ida Jordan, No. 3013, south Cherry street.

Mr. George Maslin, of Waynesboro, was in the city yesterday and was a caller at THE TIMES office.

Mr. George Greenwood, of New York, formerly of Richmond, is in the city spending his vacation with his parents.

Mrs. Julia and Katie Cohen, of Brooklyn, are in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Remsburg on east Clay street.

Mr. E. D. Christian, the tobaccoist and paper-mill president, is at the White Sulphur. He is considerably improved in health.

There will be a match game of base-ball this afternoon between members of Companies A and D of the First Virginia regiment on the lot at the new monument.

Among those mentioned for clerk of the new West-End market is ex-Councilman Anthony Griffith, who now has charge of the market.

Mr. Richard H. Fox, of Barton Heights, who was called from Western North Carolina by the serious illness of his son, found him slightly better when he arrived.

Rev. Dr. Richardson, editor of the Central Presbyterian, came down from the White Sulphur a day or two ago, but will return to-day. He is enjoying excellent health.

General Joseph R. Anderson is in New York. It is probably that he will see Mrs. Davis while there and learn something of her determination about the final resting place of her husband.

Miss Rachel Van Vort, of the Richmond High School, is visiting in Williamsport, Penn. She has received much attention from the school board of that place and other friends.

Mr. D. S. Garland, one of the efficient employees of the State Department of Agriculture, leaves this morning for Lynchburg. While in Southwest Virginia Mr. Garland will attend the meeting of the Farmers' Institute, to be held at Pulaski City on the 16th instant.

Mr. J. H. Powell and family are at Alderson, on the Chesapeake and Ohio, for the summer. Mr. Powell stood the trip very well and is in excellent health.

Every one remarks on the handsome appearance of the Commonwealth Club building, corner of Franklin and Monroe streets.

Dr. Hunter McGuire and Major Lewis Ginter will sail on the Majestic July 15th. The latter will be accompanied by his valet and two nieces. They will be absent about two months. They leave Richmond to-morrow morning.

Miss Lou Clark, employed in the car service office of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, is spending her vacation with friends and relatives at High Point, N. C., and expects to visit Palatka, Fla., before returning.

## THE MANCHESTER COUNCIL.

## First Meeting of the Newly Organized Body Last Evening.

## THE COW ORDINANCE DISCUSSED.

## Mr. J. R. Perdue Re-Elected President and Addressed the Meeting—Four Police Commissioners Elected.

The Manchester Council met in regular session last evening.

To those who do not know it may be interesting to be informed that the Council meets in a rear room of the building which stands on the southeast corner of Tenth and Hull streets. It is a small room, hardly capable of accommodating many more than the Councilmen, but often a few of the populace gain a seat within its walls, and watch with considerable interest upon the debates and legislative actions of their city fathers. The room is occupied during the day by Mr. Valden, the City Clerk, the City Attorney and their officials, who wish to carry out the ordinances passed.

When the meeting commenced last evening Mr. John O'Brien took the chair, and the following answered roll call: Messrs E. W. Weisiger, J. R. Perdue, E. T. Morris, W. S. Rolin, John E. Taylor, D. L. Toney, W. E. Starke, A. C. Jones, Philip Browder, W. T. Pease, J. H. Fair, Messrs. Taylor, Jones, Starke and Pitt were the new members elected at the late election.

After the reading of the minutes, to which few members paid attention, Mr. O'Brien stated that the first business was the election of a president, inasmuch as the Council began a new year with its present meeting.

## THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. Rolin nominated Mr. Perdue, and the latter was unanimously elected. In a happy manner the re-elected president expressed his thanks to his fellow-Councilmen for the compliment, and in the course of his remarks urged upon the members the importance of better committee work. He said that several committees appointed last year had never made reports to the Council, and very frequently matters of importance were referred to them and never heard of afterwards. This, he said, should not be the case, and advocated in impressive language the duties of Councilmen.

Mr. Perdue further said that the Manchester Council had no precedent in the form of a legislative body for their action frequently in reference to ordinances, resolution, etc. That they often ignored the committees and committees often ignored the Council, and that it was a waste of time that could be better employed by discussing the merits and demerits of an ordinance when such discussion should be in the committee-room alone. That he was surprised at the number of the articles in the Richmond dailies which stated that certain Council committees of that city had met, and that it was rare for the Manchester Council to have a report of a committee for the simple reason that committees never met.

Mr. Perdue closed his remarks by stating that he was determined in his office or the night of the last meeting of the Council, but that he was of the opinion that the ordinance in relation to the cow ordinance was a waste of time and void, inasmuch as the rules had not been suspended, and that by a rule of the Council this should be done before the body can act on an ordinance the night it is presented. Otherwise the ordinance had to lay over for several days, and the ordinance was a waste of time and void, inasmuch as the rules had not been suspended, and that by a rule of the Council this should be done before the body can act on an ordinance the night it is presented.

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